

November 17, 1998

Mr. Lester Snow  
Executive Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Snow:

In your deliberations concerning the re-allocation of water resources, I urge you to focus on less destructive and intrusive alternatives than dams, canals, and other diversion measures that degrade our water quality and destroy the natural geography of the region. These expensive measures will only compound the huge burden upon taxpayers resulting from the immense water subsidies to the corporations that farm the Central Valley and the gargantuan infrastructure that underwrites casual water waste in the L.A. basin.

Should you continue to press forward with ideas such as reviving the peripheral canal, I will actively oppose these measures with the devotion of time and money in both the political and legal arenas.

Sincerely,



James L. Beattie  
San Ramon, CA